

## REMARKS

In view of the foregoing Amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

The Applicants and their representative would like to thank Examiner Lukton for the time and courtesy he extended in a telephone interview with the Applicants' representative Monday, May 10, 2004. The presently presented amendments to the claims were discussed during the interview. Specifically, the Examiner stated that the presently presented amendments would place the claims in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance, and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested. Should any issues remain after consideration of the present amendment, however, Examiner Lukton is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.


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Respectfully submitted,

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